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RICK PROCTOR Vice-Chairman RE: STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 91)

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Dear Sir or Madam:

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SHARDA BADRI Clerk of the Board By this correspondence, please be advised that the County of Union is requesting to speak at the Public Hearing on Friday, April 2, 2004 to be held in Trenton, New Jersey regarding the Conrail Merger and the creation of the Shared Asset Areas. I am requesting approximately 10-15 minutes to speak at the hearing on these issues.

I will represent the County on these issues limiting my remarks to how the split up of Conrail and the creation of the Shared Assets Areas has impacted Union County. Enclosed are ten copies of this filing as requested in your Public & Media Advisory No. 04-4.

Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (908) 659-7412. I thank you for the opportunity to address the board on these critical issues.

Sincerely,

James Daley Director

Enclosures

Cc: George W. Devanney, County Manager

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